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NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Mark W. Thompson
SERIAL NO.: 10/784,056
TITLE: GUARD FOR A GRASS TRIMMING DEVICE
FILED: February 20, 2004
Group/A.U.: 3724
CONF. NO.: 6854
EXAMINER: Douglas D. Watts

Box BPAI
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated February 8, 2005 rejecting claims 1-9, and 11-16.

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27. The items checked below are appropriate:

- A check in the amount of \$250 is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2098.
- A timely response to the final rejection has been filed on March 23, 2005, (copy of which is attached).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 23rd day of March, 2005.

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[] A Petition for Extension of Time under 37
CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Two additional copies of the notice are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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